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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, February 27, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: Heavy snow over northern and northeast NM may cause road closures

Day 1 Hazards: Snow over central, eastern NM into the TX/OK Panhandles, western/southern OK, north/northwest/west-central TX may produce travel issues

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Key Points



Friday-Sunday

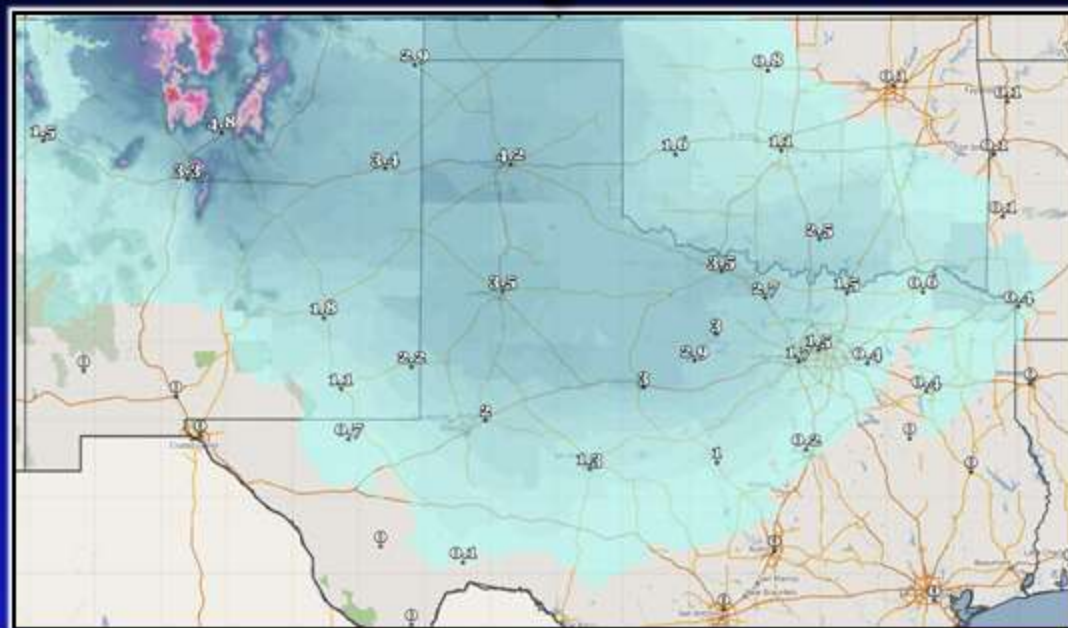
- **Heavy snow over northcentral NM may cause road closures across that area**
 - **Lighter snow over central and eastern NM may produce some travel impacts**
- **Snow will spread from the TX/OK Panhandles into western/southern OK, north/northwest TX into west-central TX during the day**
 - **Travel impacts possible across these areas**
- **Light freezing drizzle possible across southwest and south-central TX during the evening spreading into north TX overnight into Saturday morning**
 - **Amounts will be very light but could cause further travel impacts into Saturday morning**
- **Snow and ice possible Saturday over most of OK and into northern AR ; also snow chances continuing over northern NM**
 - **Travel impacts will be possible**
- **By Sunday, winter weather will be confined to snow chances northwest and northern NM**
 - **Total snow of 10-20 inches in Northern Mountains of NM (above 8000 ft) from tonight through Sunday may lead to potential structural damage near the Colorado border**

Monday - Tuesday

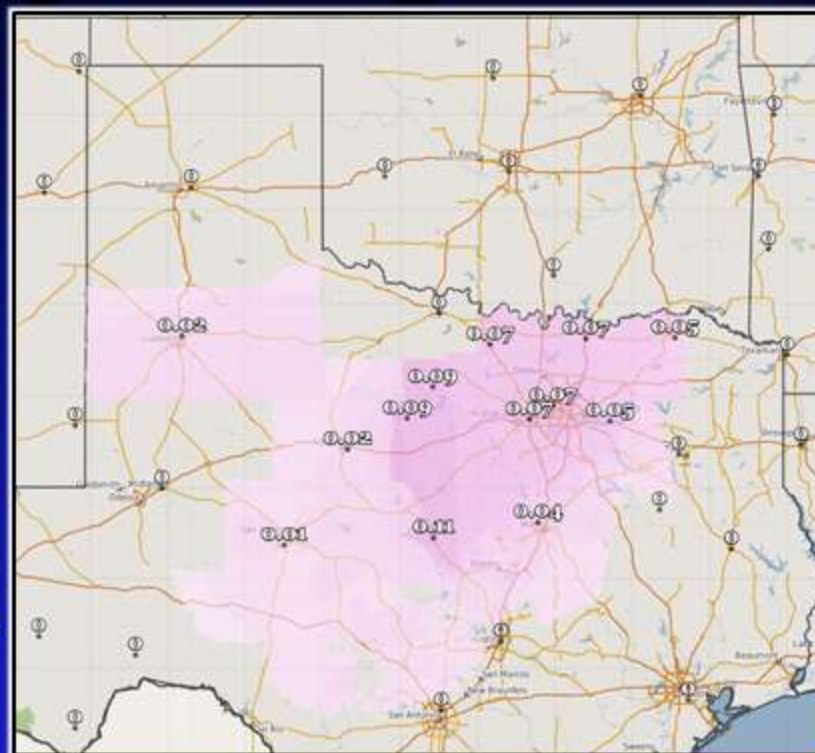
- **Snow chances for higher elevations in Northwest/Northcentral/Western NM**



Potential Hazardous Travel Impacts Friday Into Saturday Morning



**Total Snowfall Accumulation Forecast
Friday through 6am Saturday**



**Total Ice Accumulation Forecast
Midnight Friday through 12pm Saturday**

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*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 27, 2015 - Mar 3, 2015

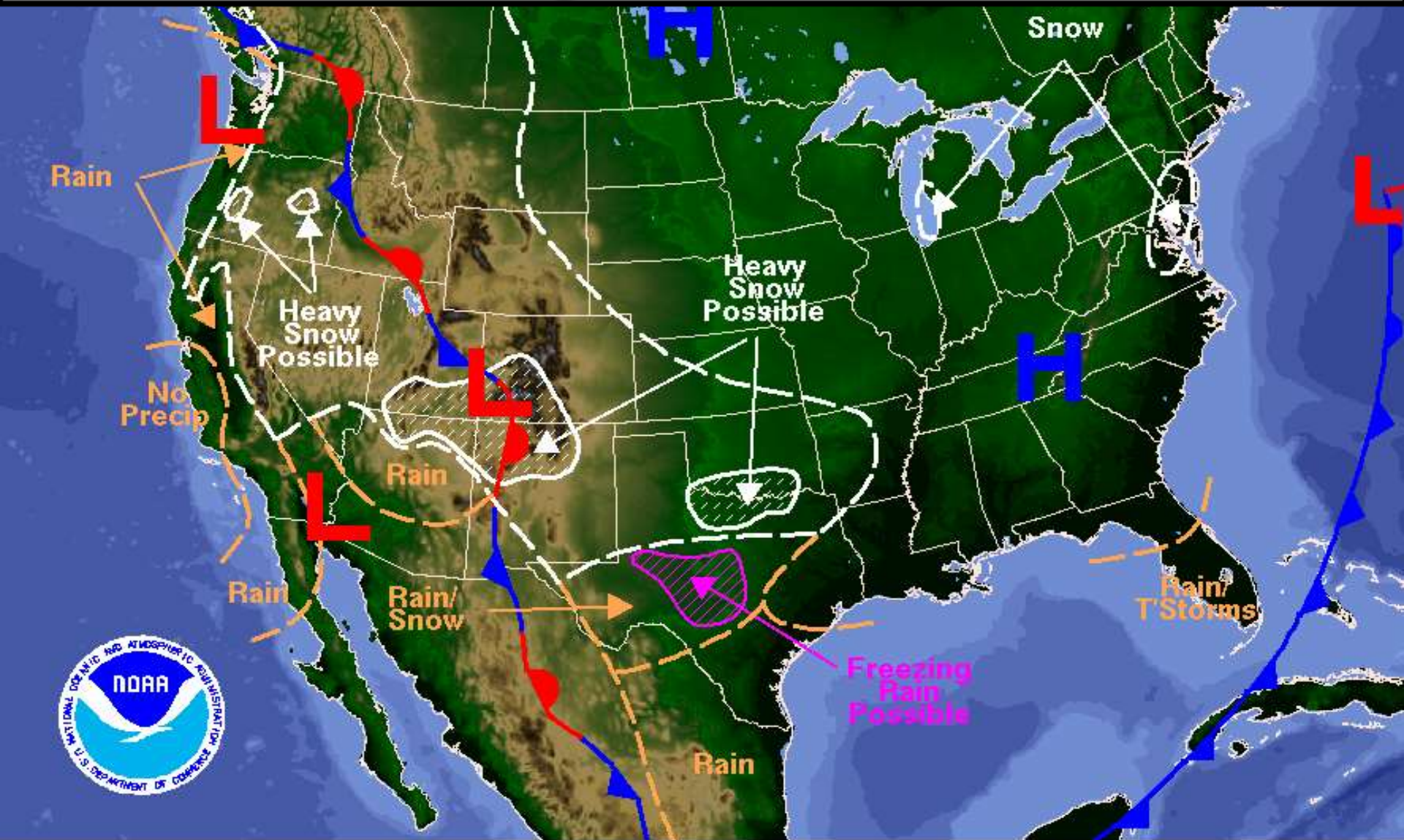
DAY/ THREAT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain /Flooding					
Fire					
Cold					
Winter	N Cntrl NM	N Cntrl NM	N Cntrl NM	NW/N Cntrl/W NM	NW/N Cntrl/W NM
	Cntrl/E NM, TX, W&S OK	N/NW/SC/SW TX OK, N NM			

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Widespread Threat

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Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Fri, Feb 27, 2015, issued 3:03 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sat



Heavy
Snow /
Road
closures
possible

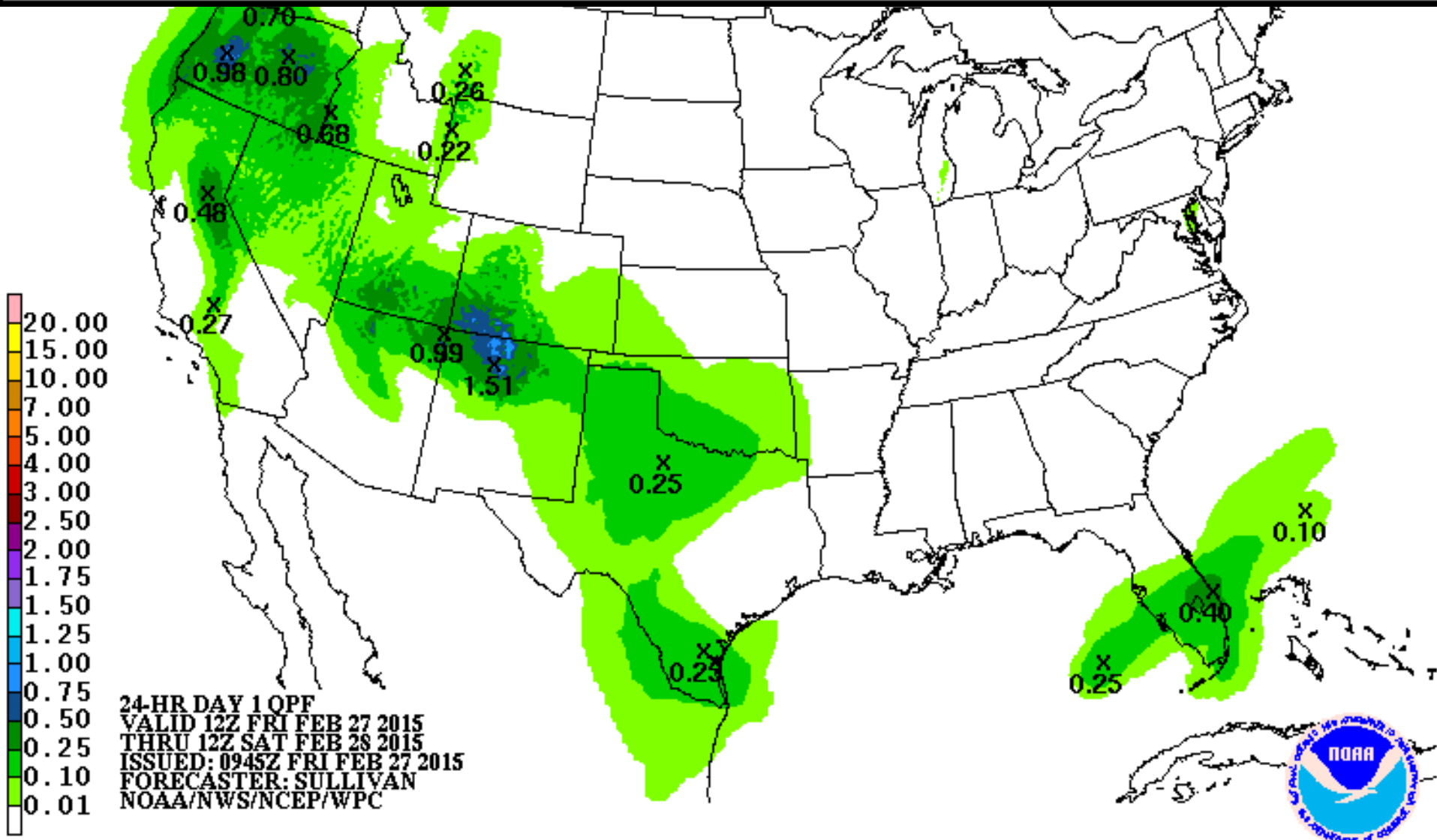
**Snow/freezing drizzle will cause
travel impacts over some of these areas**



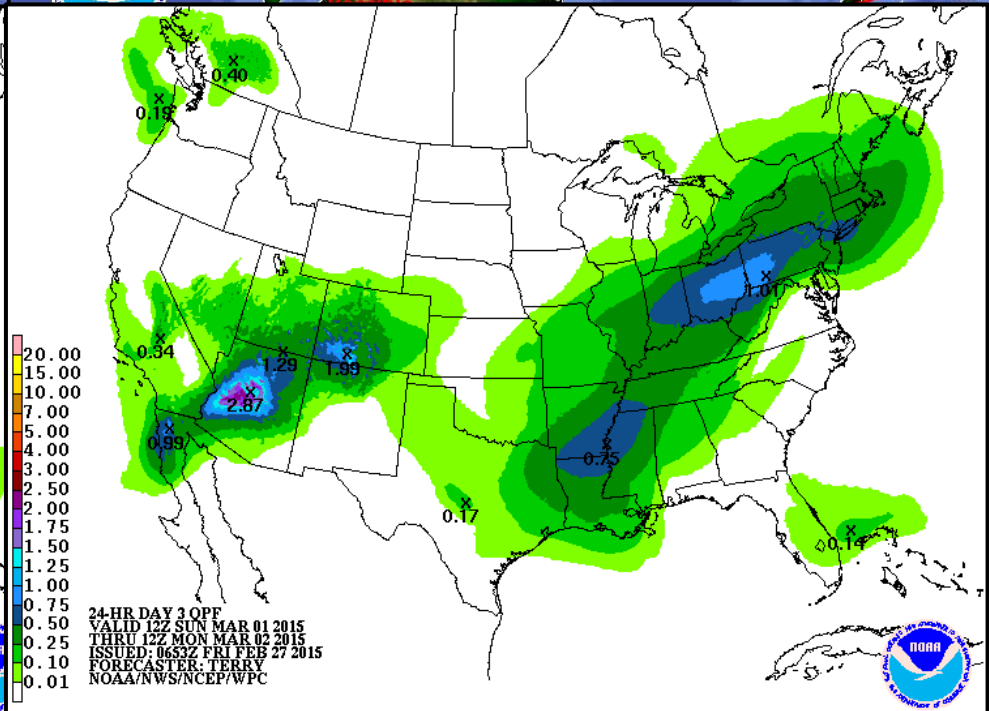
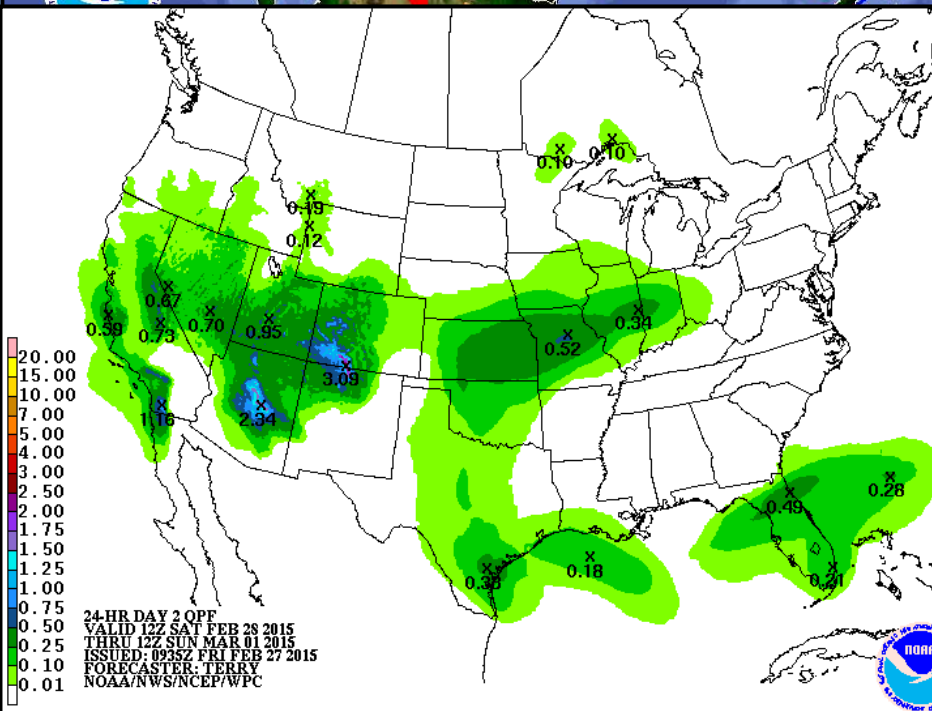
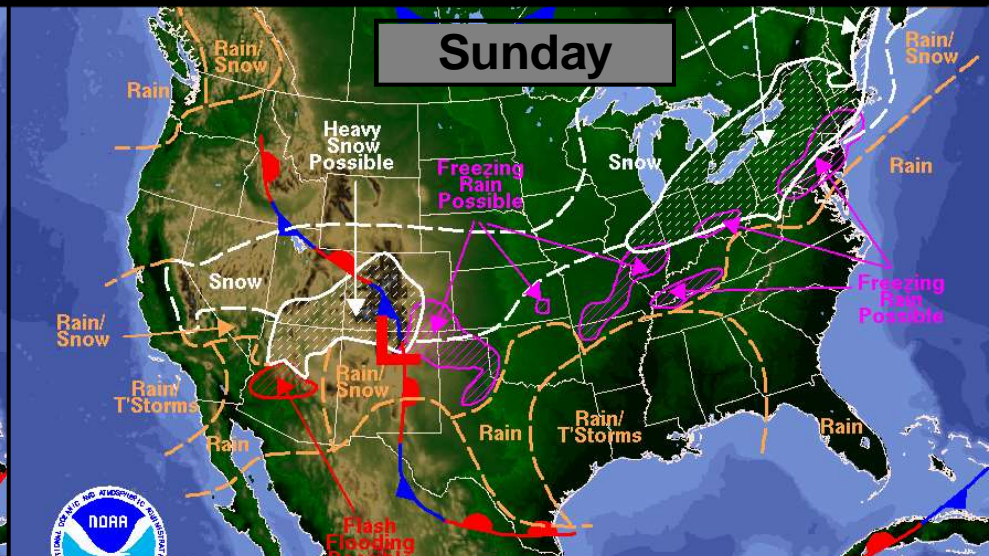
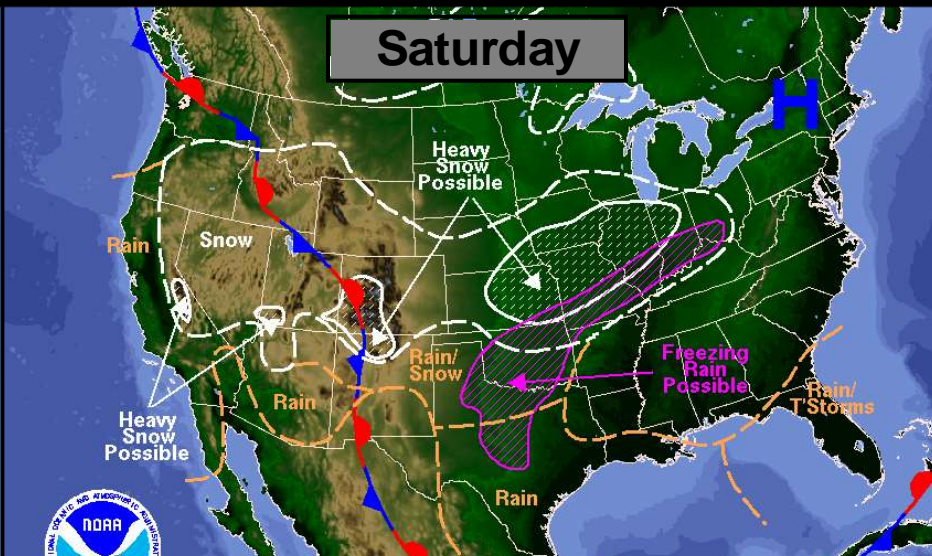
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Today's Precipitation

Fri AM - Sat AM

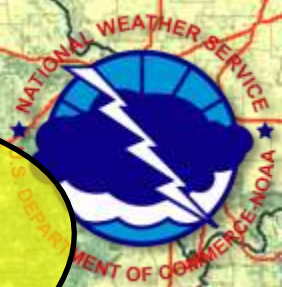


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sat - 0800 Mon



Heavy
Snow/
Road
closures
possible

Mix of snow and ice
Saturday leading to travel
impacts over some areas
from the TX/OK
panhandles eastward
across OK and N AR

Freezing drizzle will cause
travel impacts over some
areas Saturday morning
across S OK and portions
of TX into the Arklatex

Combination of light
snow/freezing drizzle may
cause travel issues on Friday

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High Threat

Moderate Threat

Slight Threat

No Widespread Threat

Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Wed



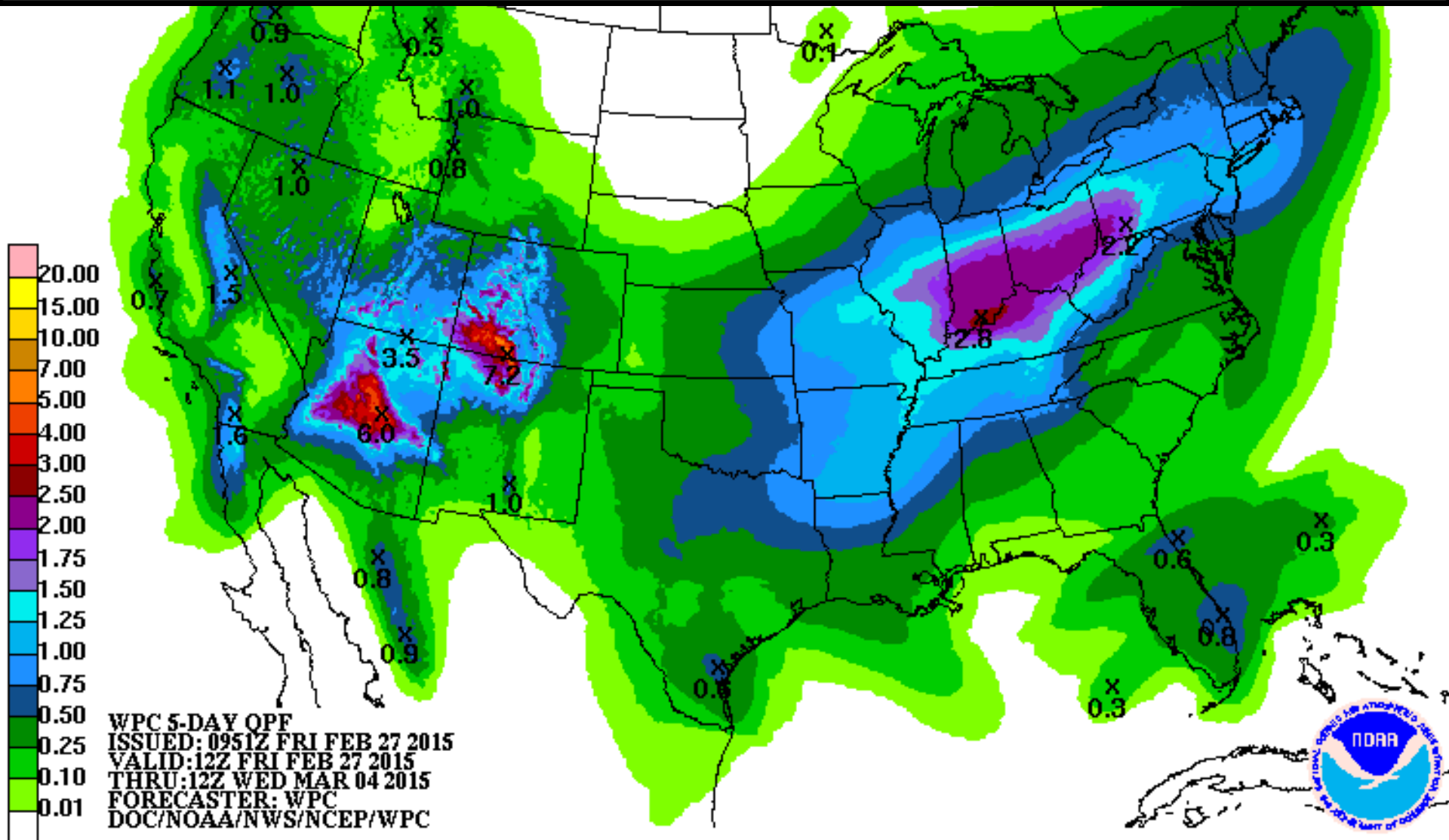
Snow
continuing



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5-Day Precipitation

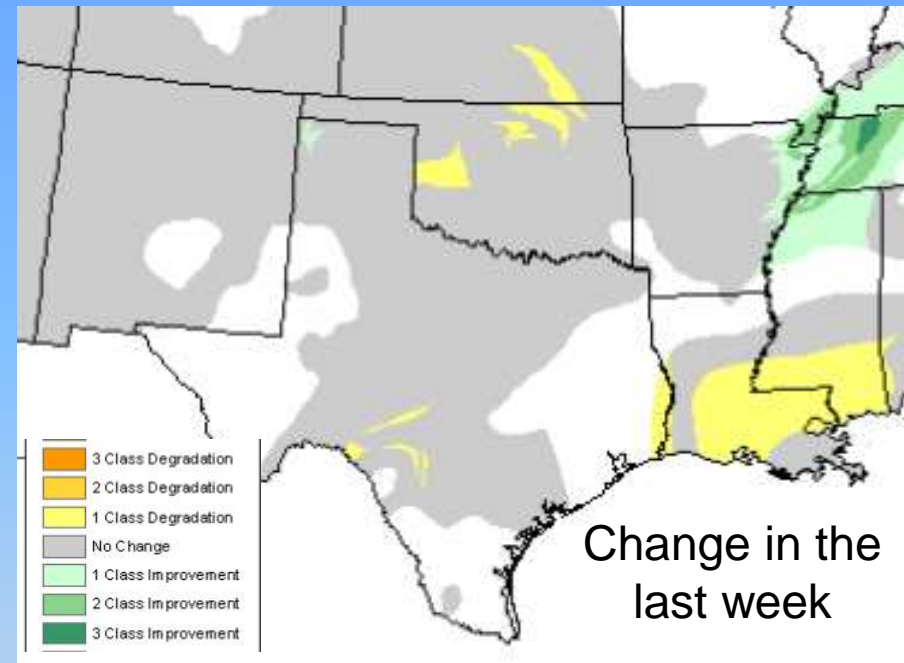
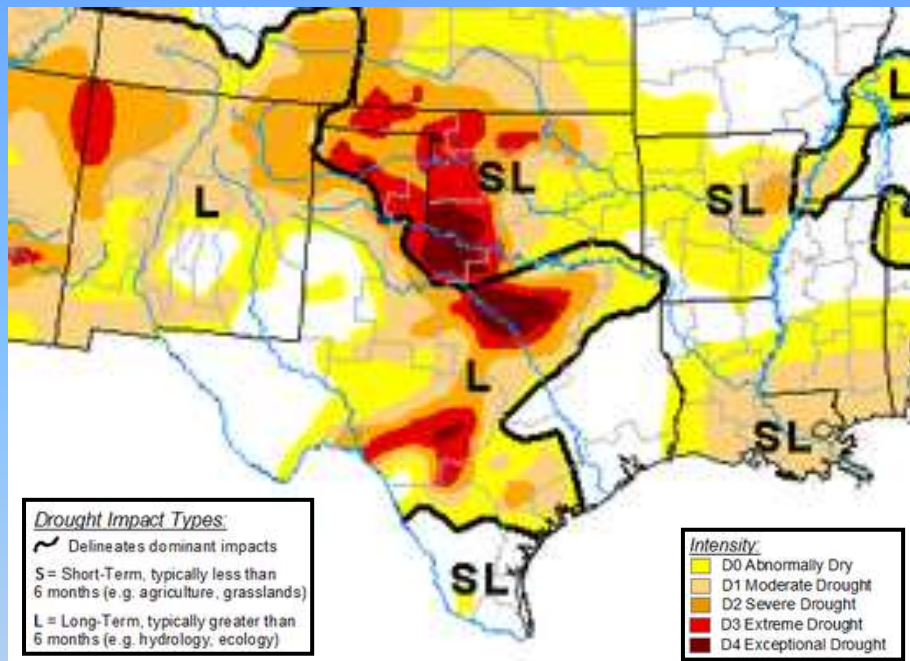
Fri AM - Wed AM





Drought Monitor Released February 26, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, February 24, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	27.80%	22.81%	18.33%	13.07%
Texas	14.34%	13.92%	9.50%	9.45%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	1.53%	14.83%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

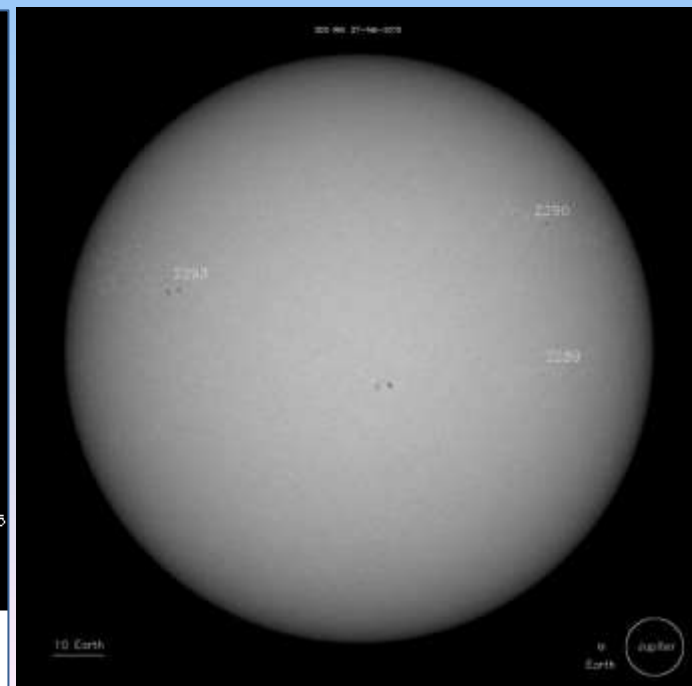
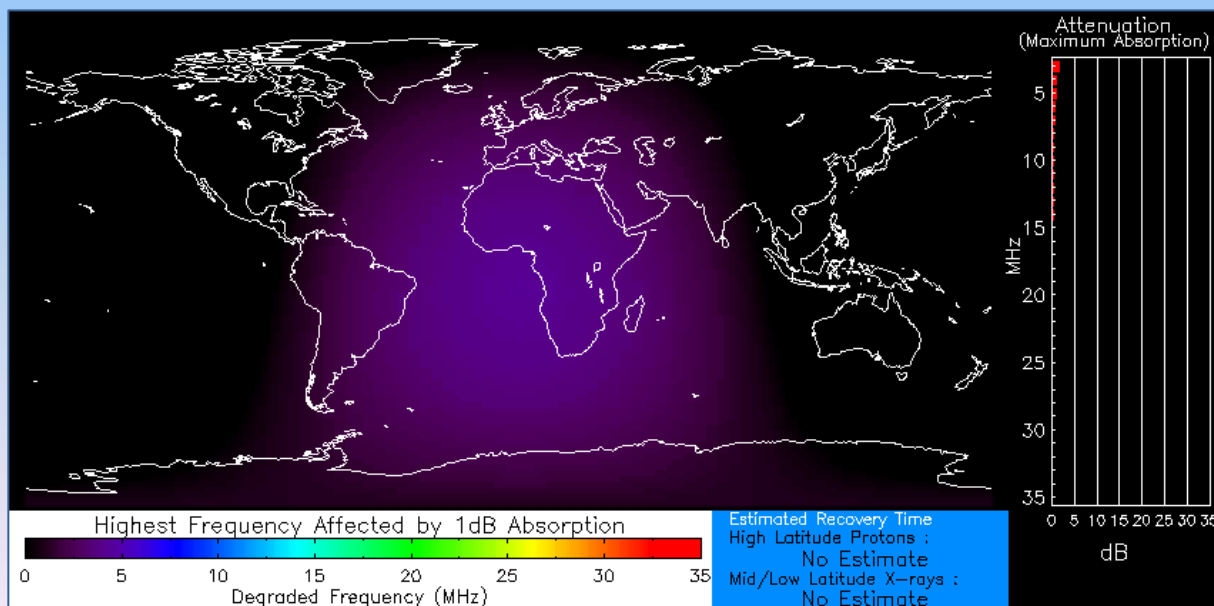
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Active (Max Kp = 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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